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## Foundry layoffs expected

By Bob Slate  
Staff writer

About 80 steelworkers are expected to be laid off from American Steel Foundries in Granite City Friday, a union official has confirmed.

But, the official said, the cut-back is not expected to last long.

"We've been told about 80 workers will be laid off," said Ed Self, grievance chairman for United Steelworkers of America Local 1063.

The expected cuts are in addition to 24 probationary employees recently released by the company.

"It isn't supposed to be long term," Self said. "All the people who are going out will be called back."

American Steel employs about 800 union workers, including about 650 steelworkers, Self said.

The company has had a rocky history in the past, with several shutdowns and restarts in the last 15 years caused by a lack of orders. The most serious were a shutdown in 1983 that shuttered the plant six years and a "temporary" shutdown that began in June 1991 and lasted two years.

But the company pumped nearly \$20 million into the plant and made the foundry its main center of operation three years ago (See LAYOFFS, Page 9A)



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

**Decorating** — Grigsby Middle School student Matt Thomas traces patterns onto sheets of colored glass from a master sheet drawn by students in his art class. The glass will be cut out in the shapes traced onto it and set into concrete to make decorative patio blocks for the school's new patio. More photos on Page 5A.

## School to start later this fall

Sept. 3 opening approved

By Bob Slate  
Staff writer

Granite City school students will get a little extra summer vacation this year.

On Tuesday, the Granite City School Board voted unanimously to alter the district calendar next year and delay the start of school until after Labor Day.

Board members cited hot weather — which often causes low attendance — during the traditional first week of school as reasons to delay the start this year.

The board was presented two alternative calendars from which to choose: one with a normal Aug. 27 start date and another which would make Sept. 3 the first day of student attendance.

While teachers and administrators had said they had no preference but recommended adopting the earlier start date, the board went with the later calendar upon the recommendation of board members Ron Dillard and Walt Whitaker, both former teachers.

Dillard said the later start could mean extra revenue to the district because attendance is projected to be higher after the Labor Day holiday.

"Absolutely nothing gets accomplished on that heat schedule anyway," Whitaker said.

For the past few years, the school

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— Walt Whitaker  
Board member

district has designated a late-August start date for school and utilized a heat schedule for the first few weeks of classes.

Students arrive at school and are dismissed earlier on the heat schedule. Administrators Bob Bischoff and Ron Stern both said the heat schedule also causes problems scheduling buses for the earlier dismissals.

"It'd be nice for the parents if we started off the year with the same schedule we use all year," Bischoff said.

Tom Holloway, director of secondary education, said that an extra week without classes during the summer would also be good for the high school renovation project currently in progress.

Gene Logas, financial director for the district, said the later start date could possibly mean as many as 400 more student attendance days.

That translates into as much as \$15,000.

## Raises are reduced

County approves hikes for 19 officials

By Nicole Vaughn  
Staff writer

It took several tries, but the Madison County Board finally approved raises for four county offices and for its own members — during its meeting Wednesday.

Each of three resolutions to grant pay increases had to be amended twice before going to a final vote.

Several key raises were considerably less than had been proposed.

After much debate, the recorder of deeds, auditor and circuit clerk received less than half the amount originally proposed and the coroner received roughly two-thirds of the

amount proposed.

The resolution passed 18-9.

Effective Dec. 1, the coroner's salary — currently \$46,561 — will increase to \$57,016. Salaries for the other three offices — currently \$52,416 — will also increase to \$57,916.

All four salaries will then increase by 6.5 percent in each of the three fiscal years — to \$61,681 in 1997; \$65,690 in 1998; and \$69,960 in 1999.

The board also voted 18-9 in favor of raising the county board chairman's salary to \$50,000 from its current \$46,558 effective Dec. 1. It will increase in 1997 to \$52,000. An increase to \$60,000 this year had originally been proposed.

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(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Cynthia Louis speaks to local law enforcement officials Monday night at the annual Tri-Cities Area Chamber of Commerce Law Enforcement Recognition Dinner.

## Family values

Support systems called key to reducing juvenile crime

By Bob Slate  
Staff writer

A top criminal defense attorney in St. Charles County says a return to family values is the key to lowering the crime rate.

"I believe the best defense you can get is not through an attorney, but through a loving and supporting family," said Cynthia B. "Casey" Louis, a Granite City native now specializing in juvenile criminal defense.

Louis was addressing a group of about 500 law enforcement officers Monday night at the 10th annual Tri-Cities Area Chamber of Commerce Law Enforcement Recognition Dinner, held at St. Gregory's Hall.

"I believe the family is a microcosm of society — the cornerstone on which society is built," Louis said.

She said drugs and gangs are two of the major causes of juvenile crime today, and that children need positive activities — like athletics and community service — into which to channel energy.

"All children challenge authority," Louis said. "The difference is a matter of degree."

For example, if as child throws a water balloon from a highway overpass, we might attribute the behavior to high spirits and energy. But the same act using a large rock instead of a balloon would be characterized as a serious crime.

Parents need to teach children proper behavior, Louis said.

"Telling a kid to just say 'no' without teaching is like

(See FAMILY, Page 9A)

## Restaurant manager robbed

Police have few leads in the mugging of a pizza restaurant manager in downtown Granite City early Monday morning.

The 28-year-old manager of Domino's Pizza, 2201 Madison Avenue, told police his wallet and \$152 were taken from him at about 3:45 a.m. Monday.

The victim told police he was alone at the store and left to get something from his car. As he was opening the door to go back inside the store, he said, two men approached him,

grabbed him, forced him to a vacant lot beside the building, took his wallet and kicked him.

The victim described one of his assailants as black, about 6-feet tall, weighing 200 pounds and wearing a black jacket, blue jeans and a black hat with the letter "X" on it.

The second suspect was described as black, slightly smaller, wearing a dark maroon jacket and blue jeans.

Persons with information should call police at 876-9027 or 877-6111.

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## Top Teen



David Rudolph

David Rudolph cares about other people.

Rudolph has been a four-year participant in the Empathy Group, listening and sharing with those who have become an important part of his life.

An honor student with a 4.7 grade point average, Rudolph will be just the third Granite City High School student in 15 years to graduate with a dual study in vocational electronics and college prep classes.

His activities and honors include Who's Who, National Honor Society, chorus, Math Lab volunteer and Grace Baptist Church youth group.

He plans to study engineering at the University of Missouri at Rolla in the fall.



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

**Stylish** — Melissa McCart, modeling an outfit for K-Mart, tips her hat to her parents on the way off stage during a fashion show sponsored by the Women's Division of the Tri-Cities Area Chamber of Commerce. More photos on Page 8A.

# Madison to get funds for hiring of officer

U.S. grant will pay 75 percent of costs

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

The city of Madison will be one of 15 local communities to receive federal funding to hire more police officers.

On Tuesday, U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello announced that 15 communities in the 12th Congressional District will receive a total of \$2.26 million over a three-year period from the Community Oriented Policing Services office.

"This is a vital crime-fighting assistance for our congressional district," Costello said. "Local communities will put these federal funds to good use in keeping our neighborhoods safer for families and their children."

"I'm very happy," said Madison Police Chief Steve Skoklo. "The more officers we have on the street, the more effective we can be."

Madison now has 13 sworn officers. Skoklo said the additional officer may allow the city to develop new law enforcement programs.

The city had originally applied for two officers.

Madison will receive \$75,000. The grants pay for 75 percent of the officer's salary and benefits for a three-year period.

Skoklo said he was not sure when the new

officer would be able to start.

"It all depends on how quick the Justice Department hands out the grants," he said.

Other municipalities receiving grants were Belleville; Cahokia; Cairo; Chester; East St. Louis; Grand Tower; Mascoutah; O'Fallon; Swansea; Tammis; and the Williamson, Randolph, Perry and Jackson County Sheriff's departments.

"Community policing is one of the most effective ways to reduce crime," Costello said. "I will continue to fight for these vital funds, which are so beneficial to communities large and small in my congressional district."

In a related matter, Skoklo said the city and the Madison County Housing Authority have signed an agreement to use Madison officers to provide security at the Garasche and Grenzer Homes housing projects through August 15, 1997.

The cost will be covered by a \$50,000 federal grant from the 1995 Drug Elimination Grant Program.

Skoklo said the money will be used to pay overtime for officers. He said patrols would be at random times.

He said the department and the housing authority have had similar agreements before. "It's been very successful in the past," he said.

## Novacich named town trustee

By Bob Slate  
Staff writer

Granite City School Board member and Nameoki Township precinct committeeman Pete Novacich has been appointed a township trustee.

Novacich was unanimously elected by the other town board members Monday night and will be sworn in before the next meeting. He fills a vacancy on the town board created by the May 1 death of long-time trustee Joe Garcia, who had been ill and unable to attend meetings for a year.

"I am looking forward to working with the

existing board for the good of the township residents," Novacich said. "They are a great group of people and I think it will be a good challenge for me."

"I think Pete will be a good member. He's very interested," said Township Supervisor Ken Davis.

Novacich is expected to run for the office next April on a ticket that will apparently include all incumbent officeholders in the township—Davis, Road Commissioner Loren Madison, Assessor Carl Macios, Clerk Helen Hawkins and trustees Harold Gene Briggs, Ed Patrick and Charlie Lauehman.

"We all got together and decided it would be good for the township if all the incumbents ran together," Davis said.



Novacich

## Parade may be city's largest

Shriner, Centennial, Flag Day groups team up for event

Ainad Temple Shriners, the Granite City Centennial Committee and organizers of the annual Flag Day parade are teaming up to ensure that their joint parade, to be held June 22, is the largest in Granite City history.

"The Shrine parade has always been a highlight in Granite City," said Charles King, general chairman of the Centennial. "This year Ainad Temple has agreed to join with us and the annual Flag Day parade to put together a parade and party afterward in the park that will be remembered for the next 100 years in Granite City."

After the parade, participants and viewers are invited to gather at the 29th Street entrance to Wilson Park for a party where music will be provided and beer, soda and hot dogs will be sold.

Traditionally the Shriners hold their parade in late May as a kickoff for their circus fund-raising event, but the temple has agreed to move their parade to the later part of June to coincide with the beginning of the Centennial Celebration in the park the following week, King said.

Parade co-chairman John Apperson said the parade will step off at 1 p.m. from in front of City Hall and proceed down Madison Avenue to Granite City High School. Parking will be restricted along Madison Avenue to allow the anticipated large crowd of children to get a good view of the festivities. "We had over 120 units last year," Apperson said. "With the combined parade, I wouldn't be surprised if we had 200 or more this year."

Many bands, including the GCHS Marching Warriors and the Waterloo German Band, will participate in the parade, as will a large contingent of vehicles from the Charles Melvin Price U.S. Army Support Center, many shrine groups, veterans' organizations, classic vehicle clubs and floats of all types from area businesses, labor, civic, school and church organizations.

"Because of the length of this year's parade, we cannot accept groups that simply want to walk in the parade. To participate, you must be a marching group, have a float or be in a vehicle," Apperson said.

"If you want to participate and you haven't received information in the mail, you can call Dan Brown at 452-6215 and he will get information to you. Or you can drop by the Centennial office in Bellemore Village next to the post office and pick it up."

"We are truly appreciative of Ainad Temple for moving their annual parade back to accommodate Granite City's Centennial," King said. "We know it is costing them the ticket sales for their circus that they would normally make on parade day. To help make up for this shortfall, the Centennial Committee has voted

## Holmes gets probation on transfer charges

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

Elaine Holmes of Granite City has pleaded guilty to four of 15 felony counts stemming from an investigation into mobile home title transfers in Pontoon Beach.

Holmes, 45, of the 2400 block of Logan Street, pleaded guilty Monday to four counts of unlawful possession of certificate of title without complete assignment. She was sentenced to 30 months probation and fined \$1,500.

Six counts of theft over \$300 and five other counts of unlawful possession of a certificate were dismissed.

If Holmes successfully completes her probation, the charges will be reduced to misdemeanors.

Holmes sold and sublet mobile homes at the Village Green Mobile Home Park in Pontoon Beach. She was originally indicted in November following an investigation by the Illinois Secretary of State's Office.

Also indicted were Elizabeth Couch of Edwardsville, the former off-site manager of the park; Ed Zeman of Chicago, the park's owner; and Robert Sims of Glen Carbon, who did work at Zeman's park in Pontoon Beach and Glen Carbon.

Couch pleaded guilty to eight counts on Nov. 22. She is awaiting sentencing.

Zeman and Sims have both requested jury trials, which have been delayed.



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

The parking lot at the McDonald's restaurant in Pontoon Beach.

## Pontoon, McDonald's square off over parking lot

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

The village of Pontoon Beach is getting ready to square off against McDonald's restaurants over a parking lot.

At Tuesday's village board meeting, board members and other village officials said they wanted the unpaved parking lot at the McDonald's on Illinois 111 paved or at least repaired.

"It's not fit to park in," said Mayor Glen Wilson.

The lot — used by tractor-trailers and other large vehicles — is covered with water-filled potholes.

Building Inspector Bob Barthelmy said that if repairs were not made, he would shut the lot down.

Village Attorney Keith Jensen said he had been in contact with company officials, who told him that according to the original agreements, they only had to chip and seal the lot.

In a letter to Jensen, Alfreda L. Summers,

McDonald's development coordinator consultant for the St. Louis Region, said "McDonald's never intended to provide an asphalt covering and made that clear in all correspondence with Pontoon Beach... We believe that we are not required to cover the truck parking area."

On Wednesday, Summers said she had talked to Jensen the day before, and was looking into the problem.

She reiterated that the company was not required to asphalt the lot, but only chip and seal it.

Summers added that she had requested the company's operations department to look into the matter.

"I'm not sure if it was not done or if it needs to be re-done," she said.

In another matter, the board tabled action on a preliminary plan for the Springfield Estates Subdivision located north of East Chain of Rocks Road in Chouteau Township. Although the property is not within the village, it falls within 1½ miles and is subject to approval by the board.



Mel Wilmsmeyer, left, presents a check on behalf of the Granite City Centennial Committee to Kurt Grosse, center, Ainad Temple Potentate. At right is Charles King, Centennial general chairman.

to make a donation in the amount of \$1,067 to Ainad Temple to go toward the purchase of circus tickets for needy children.

"Mark the date, June 22, and the time, 1 p.m.," Apperson said. "It's going to be a parade you'll be talking about for the next 100 years."

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# Davis accuses House GOP of 'race-baiting'

SPRINGFIELD — Republicans and Democrats traded accusations during a raucous shouting match Tuesday on the House floor over an anonymously distributed photograph of Rep. Steve Davis and Alton NAACP leader James Gray.

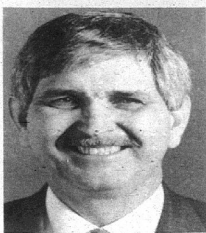
Davis, D-Bethalto, brought Gray onto the House floor Tuesday, introduced him, then launched into a fiery speech demanding that House Speaker Lee Daniels investigate "race baiting" that he alleged had to originate with the GOP House leadership.

When the acting presiding speaker tried to declare Davis out of order, Democrats stood up and began shouting and jeering.

"I call on the speaker to investigate this low-down, sleazy piece of political action," Davis yelled at the top of his lungs, setting off shouts of protest from the Republican side of the aisle.

Davis blamed Republicans for distributing the photo of him and Gray, president of the Alton branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. The photo, taken during an earlier visit by Gray to the House floor, was mailed to Madison County public and law enforcement officials.

Democrats began jeering



Steve Davis

again when Rep. Robert Biggins, R-Elmhurst, was recognized. He charged that House Democrats had engaged in "race baiting" against him by alleging that he supported a bill permitting Chicago public housing residents to move into his district.

He said Davis was responsible for mailing the photo of him and Gray.

"I'm saying the representative (Davis) did his own mail piece because that's what happened. We know he mailed the piece in the district. He brought that man (Gray) onto the floor," Biggins

said. However, he conceded later that he had no evidence to support his charges.

A few minutes later, Daniels heatedly denied knowledge of any GOP involvement in the Gray matter as he briefly talked to reporters: "This is a typical Democrat trick," Daniels said.

Jim Mihalich, a Republican candidate from East Alton who will challenge Davis in the November election, said

Tuesday he was not familiar with the photograph of Gray but that he does not view the mailings as a racial attack. "I don't know James Gray personally, just what I read about him in the newspapers. I know he calls for a lot of investigations of the police."

Mihalich said Gray appears to be anti-law enforcement, and that may be why the photographs were mailed to police officers and chiefs.

"I find the whole thing intriguing," Mihalich said.

"The racial angle is an interesting twist. Mr. Davis' associations are his own choosing, and maybe someone thought it would be of some interest to the parties it was mailed to. I think (Davis) is making a much bigger deal out of it than is necessary."

— From The Telegraph

## Pontoon sets qualifications, duties for comptroller post

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

Proposed duties and qualifications for the new Pontoon Beach village comptroller were set at Tuesday's board meeting.

An ordinance establishing the comptroller's duties was given first reading, and the board approved advertising for the position.

According to the ordinance, the comptroller will keep all financial records and handle all the village's finances. In addition, the comptroller will deal with business and liquor licenses, retain all the village's personnel and insurance records and issue building permits.

Many of these functions are now performed by Village Clerk Mary Rowden.

The qualifications for the position were set in a memo from Trustee Gus Falter, chairman of the board's Finance Committee.

According to the memo, the comptroller will have a bachelor's degree in accounting or finance, although an MBA or CPA would be preferred. The comptroller should also have "significant" experience with computer-generated accounting systems and at least 10 years

accounting experience.

The new comptroller must become a village resident within 18 months of being hired. The salary is expected to be approximately \$25,000.

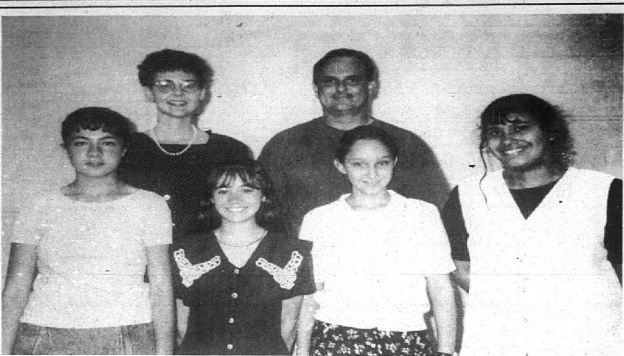
In February the board approved hiring a comptroller and eliminating the treasurer's position on April 30.

Mayor Glen Wilson vetoed the proposals, but was overridden.

The treasurer's post was held by former Village Clerk Lou Whitsell, who was appointed to the position last year after the resignation of Judy Donaldson.

Because no action had been taken by the council on hiring a comptroller, Mayor Glen Wilson appointed Whitsell, temporary comptroller at the last board meeting in April. Because the board is seeking a full-time comptroller, when one is appointed Whitsell will lose his position.

In a related matter, a resolution giving the chairman of the Finance Committee access to bank records was also given first reading. The resolution says that the finance chairman's access is limited only to information about account balances.



(Staff photo by BOB SLATE)

Four Coolidge Middle School students recently acted as principal for a day. Pictured from left are, front row: Crystal Becerra, Rachel Means, Faith Yurcisin and Renee Cortez; back row: Kimberly Asbeck-Gindler, music teacher; and Rick Talley, principal.

## Principal for a day

### Students get 'reward' for raising funds

By Bob Slate  
Staff writer

Four Coolidge students found out last week that being the boss isn't all it's cracked up to be.

The girls were selected to serve as principal or assistant principal at Coolidge Middle School one day last week.

"I thought it was easy. I found out I was wrong," said Crystal Becerra, an eighth grader.

"I will never be a principal," said Faith Yurcisin, a seventh grader.

"(Coolidge Principal) Mr. (Rick) Talley has meetings all day. He works constantly," said Renee Cortez, also a seventh grader.

"But it's just an honor to be a principal," chimed in Rachel Means, an eighth grader.

The four girls were selected to serve because they collected the most money in a recent fund raiser at the school.

The students participated in a walk-a-thon and solicited pledges from friends, family members and businesses to raise funds to purchase a new marquee sign in front of the Middle School on Nameoki Road.

The sign is expected to cost about \$5,000. Students raised pledges totaling \$5,400.

"We want to thank all the people who donated," Means said.

The fund raiser was the idea of music instructor Kimberly Asbeck-Gindler.

"I thought we needed a sign to announce our upcoming events and to show off our students' accomplishments," she said.

As part of their administrative duties, the four girls did not discipline any of their friends or fellow students who got caught breaking rules.

But they did attend several meetings, supervise in-school detention, watch students in the halls and on a television monitor, read announcements on the public address system and attempt to shuffle schedules and find replacement teachers when substitutes failed to show up for school.

Each student who participated in the fund raiser was presented a certificate of appreciation and the teams that raised the most money were rewarded with a pizza party.

The four top solicitors also were treated to lunch at the restaurant of their choice.

## Bill aims at rules for convictions

SPRINGFIELD — The grounds used by an appellate court to reverse the convictions of former East Alton attorney Gerald Bassett could no longer be used under legislation before the Senate.

The bill, pushed by Madison County State's Attorney William Haine, would bar appeals courts from granting new trials on the grounds a defendant may have been under the influence of psychotropic medications while failing to request a fitness hearing.

"This is being used as a grab bag by defense lawyers to obtain new trials, and the judiciary seems unwilling to stop it," Haine said.

He noted that Bassett objected to a fitness hearing before his September 1994 trial but then appealed on the basis that he was on drugs when he objected. "He resisted the test (screening for psychotropic drugs), but then he appealed on the grounds he wasn't screened."

The Fifth District Appeals Court agreed with Bassett's contention that he was under the influence of methadone, diazepam and Prozac while on trial and may have been incapable of making a reasonable decision.

The courts are giving these guys two or three bites of the apple," Haine complained. Bassett's convictions for cocaine and Valium possession and driving under the influence were set aside by the recent appeals court ruling. Another trial will be scheduled, officials said.

The bill specifies that if a defendant fails to request a fitness hearing before trial or entering a plea, the issue of being under the influence of psychotropic drugs cannot be raised on appeal.

Psychotropic drugs generally affect mood and are prescribed for mental illnesses.

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## THE LAW AND YOU

By RICK REED  
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When a person is injured as a result of someone else's negligence, he will eventually have to decide whether he wishes to settle the case or take it to trial. The insurance company providing coverage for the defendant will often make an offer in a given case after the plaintiff is finished treating with the doctor. Whether an injured party has a jury decide the matter depends upon the facts in each particular case.

Let's assume a plaintiff is injured in an automobile accident when the defendant rear ends his automobile. The plaintiff is hospitalized for a few days with neck and back injuries and later receives physical therapy on an outpatient basis. His total medical bills are in excess of \$3,500, and he has \$1,500 in lost wages. After reviewing the case, the insurance carrier offers the plaintiff a settlement of \$12,000.

The plaintiff has to decide whether to accept this settlement offer or take the case to trial. What are the pros and cons of settling a case in a situation such as this? If the injured party decides to settle, one advantage will be that he will receive money immediately. Many cases that

go to trial often take two to three years to be resolved. Another advantage to settling is that the plaintiff will not have to expend monies for court costs and depositions. Finally, many injured parties do not relish the prospect of going to court and facing the uncertainties of a jury trial.

The primary advantage to taking a case to trial is that juries are often more generous with an injured party than are insurance companies. What factors should the plaintiff consider when deciding what course of action to take?

One consideration is where the suit would be brought. Certain jurisdictions are traditionally a better forum for plaintiffs than are others. Another factor is whether the defendant is totally at fault in the accident or whether the plaintiff was also negligent. Illinois is a comparative negligence state, and a jury's verdict will be reduced based on the negligence attributed to the plaintiff. A further question to consider is whether the injuries sustained by the plaintiff are permanent in nature. In addition, the plaintiff must consider the amount of the offer and decide whether he is willing to wait two to three years to get to trial.

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# Opinion

## Editorials

### Advice to teens: Keep celebrations safe

Young people are embarking on what is arguably the most hazardous time of their lives.

Proms, graduations and summer break offer the allure of newfound freedom from responsibilities. Teenagers find themselves most carefree, and the celebratory mood peaks.

Sadly, it is a time when many young lives are lost to drinking and driving.

By now, high school seniors know the risks. They've sat through hours of lectures, films and assembly presentations. Time and again they have been told: Drinking and driving are a deadly combination.

Unfortunately, all the educational programming and parental prodding in the world can't overcome teen spirit. Young people all share a feeling of invulnerability; accidents happen to others, not them.

It is a sense of power that lasts until one simple mistake changes it forever.

Nothing can have an impact on life quite like losing a friend or family member to drunken driving. Nothing can extinguish the light in a young person's eyes quite so fast as seeing a peer crippled for life. Nothing is as overwhelming as seeing parents grieve over the son and daughter who could have been saved.

Earlier this month, an estimated 250 students participated in a five-hour youth alcohol conference in Collinsville that featured a Breatherizer demonstration, a vehicle extrication and a slide presentation by the Madison County Coroner's Office.

The most thought-provoking tool was a drunken-driving simulator that allowed teens to get behind the "wheel" and experience firsthand how difficult it is to drive when impaired.

Jennifer Collins, 17, of Edwardsville, summed it up best: "It was really neat, until I killed a pedestrian."

This spring and summer, when the "feeling of freedom" is at its apex, young people should remember that the right to drive carries with it some weighty responsibilities. Foremost: Don't drink and drive.

That one bit of self-discipline is a huge step toward making sure no one has to knock on your parents' door to tell them they no longer have a son or a daughter, but have instead, a funeral to attend.

—From The Telegraph

## Carol's comments

### She won't fight progress, but club is another story

My days of fighting so-called progress are numbered, or so I learned last week when my daughter told me she planned to buy me a phone-answering machine. She'd better also plan to install it because I won't hate the things with great passion, but I know when I'm licked and I guess it's time to say "uncle."

Admittedly, they do have one advantage: You can screen your calls and who among us has not had a meal interrupted or scurried from the shower, wrapped in a towel, only to be offered fabulous new storm windows or a bargain rate on studio portraits of our little ones?

Normally, the air turns blue at my house following one of those calls when the salesperson is insistent that I need a new credit card or truly should, in the name of humanity, contribute to the Society for Aid to Reformed Streetwalkers, but not always. Actually, I welcomed a recent phone call from the Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund.

Why? you may ask. Because it gave me the unexpected opportunity to really tell them off and boy, did I feel good afterward! Don't misunderstand, I admire, for the most part, their objectives. As for my sunny disposition, ever since I learned the difference between honey and vinegar, I've become a real pussycat. Ask anyone who knows me. On second thought, don't.

The reason for my antipathy toward Sierra Club goes back to last Christmas. Because I think gifts should be something the recipient actually wants, I asked for suggestions and Barry and Chris, responding to my annual demand for a list, said they'd appreciate my making a donation to one of several causes they support and provided me with suggestions: National Wildlife Federation, Greenpeace, Sierra Club Legal Defense, among others. I chose Sierra Club, made what I considered a fairly substantial contribution and asked, in a note, that because it was a gift in someone else's name, it be acknowledged to Barry and Chris.

I didn't learn until late in



Carol Clarkin

March that no such acknowledgment had been received. I wrote a short note to Sierra Club asking them to their attention and repeating my earlier request.

Still, no acknowledgment. Instead, I received three letters from the Legal Defense Fund soliciting further money for their critical immediate needs. Because each of the three letters also contained a stamped, self-addressed envelope, I gather that the cost of postage has nothing to do with their failure to acknowledge.

Then, about two weeks ago, came the phone call, again a plea for more funding for the current cause, which in this case is to stop renewed clear-cutting in our old-growth forests.

The man on the phone expressed shock at the organization's lapse, assured me that an acknowledgment would be sent, and apologized. For my part, I assured him that I would continue to support environmental preservation groups, but probably not the Legal Defense Fund.

As a gift idea, I think my daughter's is a good one, just as I prefer donations to a named memorial when a friend or family member dies. In the past six months, I've made three of those. All have been acknowledged to the families of the deceased.

Oh, yes, almost forgot. As I write, the note the young man on the phone promised has apparently been lost in the mail.

The only question next Christmas will be "National Wildlife or Greenpeace?" Meanwhile, in the interest of recycling, I plan to send a copy of this column to Sierra Club in one of those stamped, self-addressed envelopes.

## HOW TO TELL THINGS HAVE GOTTEN REALLY, REALLY BAD:



## Letters to the editor

### Festival should make us proud

TO THE EDITOR:  
The International Festival in Granite City should make everyone proud. Granite City, with its diversity of nationalities, colorful and civic people like Ruben Mendoza, Andy Philip, and Dal Maxwell, and huge industries like Granite City Steel, American Steel, A.O. Smith, Capri Sun and many others is the epitome of the United States.

Although I have only been a resident of Granite City for 20 years, I am proud of our city. I moved here because it was a great place to live with friendly people, a great school system for my children and many places to work. Granite City has changed much over the last 20 years, but the people are still friendly, the schools are still great and the "rebirth" of industry has begun.

I'm looking forward to sampling the Mexican food and Polish sausages; looking at the Macedonian-Bulgarian clothing, artifacts and jewelry; experiencing the Polish dancers and Mexican dancers and talking to new friends and making new ones.

Granite City residents have much to be proud of concerning the past and a great future to look forward to.

MICHAEL RAY DILLIER  
Granite City

### Affirmative action needed

TO THE EDITOR:  
In the upcoming November elections four states will have affirmative action choices on the ballot — "Yes" to retain affirmative action initiatives or "No" to abolish such laws.

Nine other states, Illinois included, contemplate such legislation.

Compelling cases can be made for both sides; however, we believe, as many, there is still a need for affirmative action mandates from our federal government.

Much of one's success in our society is based on access. You may be the most talented person in the world, but if you are never given a chance to prove your skills, you simply become one of millions on the outside, looking in.

The opponents argue merit, and only merit, should be the determining factor. But how do you gauge or measure an abstract, such as merit?

Most companies are reluctant to place rating or scoring data in personnel files for fear of legal repercussions. In this lies the problem — as long as individuals of corporations can make a segment on a national employment recruiting firm out of New York a few years ago that was instructed by several of its top clients not to hire black female secretaries because of past problems.

These companies were so

open with their policy, they put it in writing on company memos, which someone got hold of. Black and white applicants selected on qualifications and merits were sent to apply for employment.

The white applicants were hired over the more qualified blacks in spite of typing fewer words per minute and having less experience, etc.

Many would argue this is an isolated case in point; however, I think not, but rather the rule instead of the exception. Government mandates are necessary to protect every American citizen's right to fair treatment under the Constitution of the United States.

ALVIN BOLDEN  
Executive Director  
Neighborhood Development Corporation  
East St. Louis

### Property tax is the problem

TO THE EDITOR:  
Both Governor Edgar's and House Speaker Daniels' proposed bills for education funding have, in my opinion, completely ignored the real problem.

School taxes should not be a part of real estate taxes at all. It is not only unfair but ludicrous to force homeowners to pay the tax if they do not have children attending public schools.

Although there are many groups that fall into that category, my concerns are especially for the elderly or those on fixed incomes.

I am a widowed senior citizen living on Social Security. My youngest child graduated in 1983.

Last year, 34.6 percent (over four months) of my annual Social Security payments were used to pay my real estate taxes. Of that amount, 61.5 percent was for the schools. It will be higher this year. That rings of taxation without representation.

"Business as usual" just isn't working anymore. It is time for a restructuring.

It is time our elected state officials support a plan whereby those who do not have children attending public schools do not pay a school tax. Other states have done it.

In fact, some states do not impose real estate taxes at all, thereby encouraging, not discouraging, home ownership.

I intend to write to our state's senators, representatives and Governor Edgar. I intend to deduct the school tax portion to deduct the school tax portion.

DARLENE NICHOLAS  
Troy

### Whoopi not a role model

TO THE EDITOR:  
What does it take to be President of the United States? Apparently, common sense is not one of the prerequisites. This is demonstrated by the fact that President Clinton has

appointed Whoopi Goldberg to a task force to tackle the problem of teen pregnancy.

The fact that, according to WORLD Magazine, Whoopi has had at least six abortions should immediately disqualify her from this assignment. I would hardly think that she should be put in the position of being a role model for teenagers to emulate.

The fact that the members of the task force are focused on contraception instead of abstinence, even though abstinence education has been shown to be superior to contraception in preventing pregnancy, is an indicator just how eager President Clinton is to accommodate the liberal left.

Unfortunately, the voting public is much too forgetful when it comes to electing the people who are supposed to be leading us. I find it amazing that after only a few months of the President's gravitation from the liberal left, how his popularity has increased.

Can't people remember he did the same thing for the 1992 election, and can't they remember his first two years in the White House?

Do they think it will be any different if he wins the election in 1996?

We do not need term limits. We need a thinking electorate.

CHARLES ECKERT  
Collinsville

### Remember laws on alcohol use

TO THE EDITOR:

As another school year comes to a close, high school students are looking forward to proms and graduations.

Many families will host gatherings to celebrate these important milestones in the lives of their children. While sharing in the activities is important to many parents, it is just as important for par-

ents to understand the legal responsibilities that go along with hosting parties.

Please remember that: It is a Class A misdemeanor to knowingly allow gatherings of two or more persons at a residence who are under age 21 and are drinking. There is a maximum fine of \$1,000 and possible jail time.

Any person (age 21 or over) who pays for a hotel room, knowing the room will be used by any person under age 21 for consumption of alcoholic beverages, is liable for any injuries or damage caused by a person under the age of 21.

The penalty for allowing someone under the influence to operate their vehicle is classified as a Class A misdemeanor.

Parents who allow access to alcohol to anyone under age 21 are also guilty of a Class A misdemeanor and a fine of \$500 or more.

If your child is under age 17 and driving past curfew, their drivers license is invalid. The state curfew is 11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and midnight Friday and Saturday. When city and state curfew differ, the city curfew is in effect. (The city curfew cannot be later than the state curfew.)

Even small amounts of alcohol impair driving and personal actions. Alcohol affects judgment, decision-making, memory, inhibitions, coordination and vision.

Prom and graduation are times to remember fondly, not tragically. Talk to your children about the dangers of underage drinking and about the importance of their decision to never drink and drive or ride with someone who has been drinking.

JEAN SCHRAM  
Director of Prevention  
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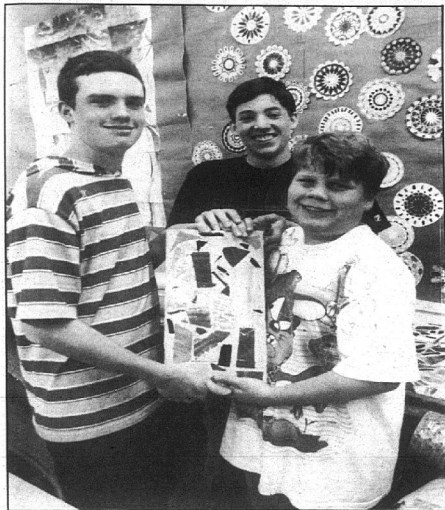
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# People

## 'Gator Swamp' shaping up Grigsby students helping decorate new courtyard



Grigsby Middle School students are playing a big role in the design of the new courtyard being built around the school's flagpole.

Students are designing a variety of artwork that will be part of the new patio.

At right, Andy Ravenelli shows off the block he designed with the "Swamp" design. The patio is to be named the Grigsby Gator Swamp; another block, which has not been set yet, will bear a likeness of the school mascot, the Gator.

At left, Billy Cappel, Lester Grobe and Chris Smith display a finished small block that will be part of the patio.

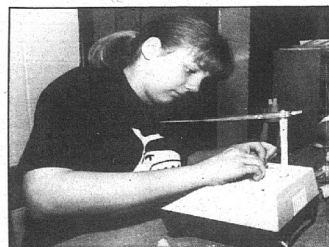
(Staff photos by JOHN FRESE)



Jason Bivens and Renee Bussee cut pieces of colored glass to be set into concrete blocks as part of the patio design.



Grigsby art teacher Don Stratton scoops out concrete for students Eric Lewis, Chris Smith and Andy Ravenelli to smooth over the glass pattern.



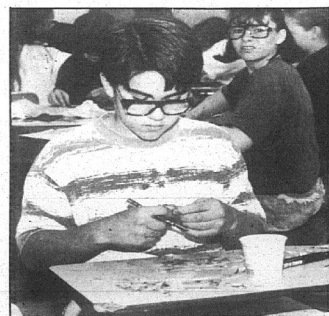
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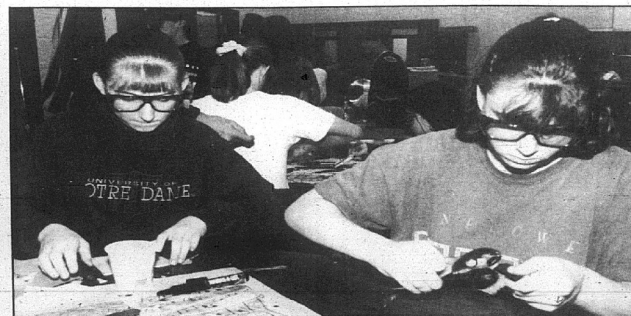
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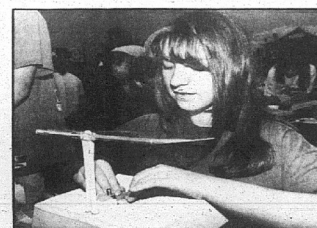
Justin Sparks uses a light table to trace a pattern onto pieces of glass.



John Demitroff breaks a piece of colored glass after scoring it with a glass cutter.



Christy Sowell and Kim Ebrecht work from a pattern to cut the glass pieces, which will add the color to patio blocks in the courtyard.



Stephanie Breeze works on the grinders polishing the edges of the glass.

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## LOCAL NEWS

## News in review

News in review provides a summary of some of the past week's stories. This column is designed for out-of-town readers who do not receive the Sunday and Wednesday Press-Record/Journals.

## Melton, Selph squabble

Dewey Melton says "sour grapes" did not prompt him to enter the mayoral race in Granite City.

But he criticized Mayor Ron Selph this week for Selph's appointment of Dan Brown to the city's economic development post.

"While a little political pragmatism can be useful, giving someone a job to keep them from the race I would characterize not as pragmatism, but would instead use another 'P' word," Melton said.

"I have no respect for that kind of deal-making. If Dan Brown or any other person has ideas that he or she believe can make a difference, that person should not be bought off."

Selph said he did not "buy off" anyone and stands by his selection of Brown, but declined to comment further on the issue.

Brown said he was not bought off and his qualifications as an attorney, former real estate broker, owner of a construction disbursement business and co-owner of a public relations and marketing firm for the last 13 years amply qualify him for the post.

## Cameras installed at Coolidge

Students in the Coolidge Middle School cafeteria are being watched.

In fact, the students are being videotaped. Four video cameras were installed in the school cafeteria about two weeks ago. The cameras are hooked up to a monitor in Principal Keith Talley's office. Talley can watch activity as it happens before all four cameras at once or single out a particular camera.

The cameras were installed to improve student behavior. They are effective for two reasons, according to Talley. First, students are less likely to misbehave because they know they are being watched. Second, school administrators have evidence if a student denies breaking the rules.

Students were less than enthusiastic about the cameras, although none seemed to be angry about their presence.

## Development cuts tax rate

The assessed valuation of property in Madison County increased nearly \$92 million last year.

That is good news for most county taxpayers because property taxes levied by local governing bodies will be shared by a larger group of taxpayers. The county tax rate decreased nearly three-quarters of a cent, to 86.78 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation from last year's rate of 87.50 cents per \$100.

Along with the county tax rate decrease, tax rates in the city of Granite City, the village of Pontoon Beach, and the Belleville Area College District all decreased as a result of higher assessed valuation. The new rates will show up on 1996 tax bills.

## County declared disaster area

Heavy rainfall has once again put a damper on activities in the Metro East.

Before Friday's rain, the area had received 16.3 inches of rainfall this year — more than four inches more than the normal rainfall of 12.1 inches.

Athletic events have been rained out, sewers are working overtime and hardware stores are selling sump pumps and cleaning supplies as quickly as they can order them.

The rainfall has been so heavy that Madison County was declared a federal disaster area on Thursday. The designation makes available federal funds for families and businesses that suffered damage in the last two weeks.

## Madison police face suit

A Madison man in federal custody while awaiting sentencing on multiple drug charges has filed a \$23 million federal lawsuit against the Madison police department.

In a three-count suit, Janson Jones, 23, of the 1900 block of Fifth Street in Madison, claims that during an incident on April 26, 1994, police used excessive force, intentionally inflicted emotional distress, and falsely arrested Jones.

Those named in the suit are Mayor John Bellico, Police Chief Steve Skoklo, Gene Robertson, William Hoover, and Roosevelt Taylor, members of the Madison Board of Police Commissioners; and police officer John Biswick, who is now with the Madison County Sheriff's Department. The city, board of police commissioners, and police department are also named.

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**Old-fashioned** — Robin Thomas, Judy Stille, Denise Fouch, Bev Partney, Van Stuart, Linda Manis and Marcella Piel show off the old-fashioned outfits they wore for the Fashions of Yesteryears part of the Picture Perfect Fashion Show. The show was sponsored by the Women's Division of the Tri-Cities Area

Chamber of Commerce. Below left, Debbie Becker and daughter Stephanie model polka-dot dresses from JC Penny. Below right, Judy Stille wears another popular item this year — the sweatshirt celebrating Granite City's Centennial. Other models wore outfits from a variety of area clothing stores.



## Coolidge choir to perform Tuesday

The Coolidge Middle School Choir will perform a free concert at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Granite City High School cafeteria. About 120 seventh- and eighth-grade students will perform. The show has a rock and roll theme and will include a medley of tunes from "The Lion King."

## BACK PAIN

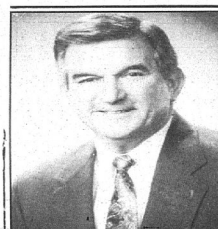
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## Obituaries

## Clara Stewart

Clara Jean (Gosha) Stewart, 45, of O'Fallon died at 10:40 a.m. Monday, May 13, 1996, at her residence. She was born Feb. 15, 1951, in Wichita, Kan.

Mrs. Stewart was a member of Calvary Pentecostal Church in O'Fallon. Survivors include one son, Jerry Camden, 21, of O'Fallon; five daughters, Tamara Jean Ruckel of O'Fallon, Melissa Ann Stewart of Festus, Mo., and Sherry and Sandra Jones and Tammy Sherry, all of Granite City; her fiancé, Roy William Sherry of O'Fallon; her father, Jessie Olen Gosha of O'Fallon; three brothers, Edward Gosha of Belleville, Larry Gosha of Hillsboro, Mo., and Joe Gosha of O'Fallon; three sisters, June McCoy of Albers, Wanda Basse of Belleville and Kaye Munoz of O'Fallon; and 11 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jerry Eugene Stewart, who died June 23, 1990; her mother, Irene J. (Crump) Gosha; and one sister, Melba Gaus.

Services are at 11 a.m. today, Thursday, at Herbert A. Kasky Funeral Home, 515 Vandalla St. in Collinsville, with the Rev. Ernie Cobb officiating. Burial will be in St. John Cemetery in Collinsville.

Memorials are requested for the American Cancer Society.

## Michael Logan

Michael Terrence Logan, 39, of Washington Park died at 2:18 p.m. Friday, May 10, 1996, in Hillsboro. He was born in St. Louis.

Mr. Logan was employed with Belleville Area High School.

Survivors include two children, Tanjineka and Carey Logan, both of St. Louis; his mother, Bertha Logan of Washington Park; five brothers, Har-

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## Donald Smith

Donald D. Smith, 63, of Granite City died at 6:23 a.m. Sunday, May 12, 1996, at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis, following an eight-month illness.

He was a member of the Pleasant Hill, Ill., had been a resident of Granite City for 25 years.

Mr. Smith was a controller with Boatmen's Bank in St. Louis for 10 years prior to his retirement in 1984. He was a member of the Eagles Lodge 1126 in Granite City and a social member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post. An Air Force veteran, he was of the Protestant faith.

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er, Charles Smith. Services were Wednesday at Werner Chapel for Funerals in Pontoon Beach.

Additional services were Wednesday at Ward Lummie Funeral Home in Pleasant Hill. Burial was in Wells Cemetery in Pleasant Hill.

Memorials are requested for St. Jude's Hospital in Memphis, Tenn.

## Victor Jahnson

Victor F. Jahnson, 89, of Lady Lake, Fla., formerly of Granite City, died Sunday, May 12, 1996, at LRM Nursing Center in Leesburg, Fla., following a six-year illness.

Born July 11, 1906, in St. Louis, he had been a resident of Lady Lake since 1989.

A baker with Busy Bee Bakery prior to his retirement in 1975, he was a World War II Navy veteran.

Mr. Jahnson was a member of Nameki United Methodist Church, the Odd Fellows, American Legion Post, Triple Masonic Lodge 835, Alton Temple Shrine and Scottish Rite Bodies Valley of Southern Illinois.

Survivors include one daughter, Ruth Tomlinson of Lady Lake; three grandchildren; two step-grandsons; and one great-granddaughter.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Thelma (McKinney) Jahnson, whom he married June 6, 1933, and who died in 1980; his parents, Albert and Alma (Stevenson) Jahnson; and one brother, Russell Jahnson.

Services are at 10 a.m. today, Thursday, at Irwin Chapel, 2801 Madison Ave. in Granite City, with the Rev. James Hahn officiating. Burial will be in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis County.

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## Macek, Whitsell argue over Pontoon Beach bills

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

Questions about bills at the Pontoon Beach Village Board meeting Tuesday led to several arguments between Trustee Mike Macek and Comptroller Lou Whitsell over a number of issues.

The argument included threats by Whitsell to complain to the postmaster that bills he should receive were being opened by others. Macek said that checks were not being sent in a timely fashion by Village Clerk Mary Rowden, and said by Macek for an outside investigation of the clerk's office during Whitsell's term.

The issues were finally stopped by Mayor Glen Wilson, and some of the issues will be discussed during a meeting of the village's Finance Committee set for 1 p.m. Friday at the village hall.

The arguments started during the routine paying of the bills, when Trustee Randy Presswood questioned a \$156.03 bill from Southwestern Bell for Mayor Glen Wilson's mobile telephone.

Presswood said the village has had similar bills every two weeks, and wanted them itemized.

The bill was taken off the bill list. A payment of \$202.34 to Whitsell was also questioned and removed.

Macek said that when he was appointed comptroller, no salary was set and Whitsell would receive no salary.

Whitsell said he had talked to the National Labor Relations Board, and had been told if someone performed a service, they should receive a salary.

Whitsell later questioned a proposal by Trustee Gus Falter to have an outside company prepare the village's payroll.

This had been proposed at the last board meeting as part of the preparations to change from a treasurer to a comptroller.

The proposal is expected to be discussed at Friday's meeting.

Whitsell said his computer is now set up to do payroll, and farming it out is a waste of money.

He then said the village's auditors had suggested making a \$1,366.25 payment to the Illinois Department of Revenue for unpaid state income taxes.

Whitsell said that was considerably less than what he originally thought was owed.

He said they still owed the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund approximately \$2,000, but they were still unsure how much was owed to the Internal Revenue Service.

Whitsell then complained that bills were not going directly to him and he was receiving

Shimkus wins endorsement

The National Federation of Independent Businesses has endorsed Madison County Treasurer John Shimkus for election to Congress in the fall.

The group, which claims 2,200 small business owners as members in the 20th Congressional District, alleged Shimkus' opponent, Rep. Jay Hoffman, D-Collinsville, had agreed with NFIIB position on bills only 33 percent of the time.

The endorsement was announced on Tuesday.

## Open house at Army Museum

In observance of Armed Forces Day, there will be an open house from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 18, at the Armed Forces Museum, 1001 S. Main St., in Granite City.

The event is sponsored by the Garrisonville, Va., National Center and the Armed Forces Museum.

For more information, call (314) 525-9194.

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— Lou Whitsell  
Comptroller

some bills already opened.

He mentioned a bill from Nameki Township, and Presswood said he had the bill.

"I will demand that all bills and financial matters go directly to the comptroller as statutes provide," Whitsell said. "They should come to me the unopened, and I'm going to notify the postmaster that the mail is being opened by someone else if it doesn't come directly to me."

Presswood asked how they would be able to sign on the bills. "I was personally approved recently," Whitsell said. "They should see the bills they would go out to the proper people."

He then complained that checks he sent out were not arriving on time, and the village was being forced to pay late fees.

Whitsell then said it appeared bills were being held "because someone doesn't like somebody."

When pressed by Macek to prove it, Whitsell replied, "I can't prove it, I know it's going on."

Later, during debate about how to pay for the village's new full-time comptroller, Whitsell said the village had no money. He said part of the reason was late penalties and payments caused by former Treasurer Judy Donaldson.

"We owe money on back taxes and we will never catch up this year," he said.

When Macek asked how to deal with the problem, Whitsell suggested going after Donaldson's bond.

"I agree with that as long as we go after the previous clerk's office and have that office investigated," he said, referring to Whitsell.

In the past, when other village officials would suggest action against Donaldson, Macek would respond by calling for an investigation of Whitsell.

Go ahead and investigate my previous office because there's been nothing done wrong," Whitsell said. "You keep saying these things to me and you've got me under severe stress. I don't need accusations that you're making in a public meeting."

Macek denied making accusations, but also wouldn't specify why there should be an investigation.

## Jesus March Saturday in Venice

The second annual Jesus March sponsored by New Salem Missionary Baptist Church will be Saturday, May 18.

The march will begin at 11 a.m. at the church, 134 Klein St. in Venice.

Participants may walk, run, ride bicycles or drive. "Everybody is welcome to join in," said the Rev. John Henry Williams, pastor of the church. "No matter what church you belong to, we are all children of God."

For information call 452-0019, 452-3157, 452-7552 or 877-7555.

## Family

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giving a small child a bike without training wheels and telling him, 'just ride,' " she said.

"Kids know they can die from an overdose. But they never think about the other ways they can die from drug involvement (like drive-by shootings)," Louis said.

She said kids have learned to utilize everyday items like soda cans, plastic two-liter bottles and cardboard toilet paper rolls as paraphernalia to smoke marijuana.

Louis also said gangs — groups that deal in guns and drugs — can take the place of a family in a neglected child's life.

"But the values a gang teaches are not the values we want our children to learn," Louis said.

She said parents need to educate themselves about drugs and gang activities.

"Your child will pay more attention if you know what you're talking about," Louis said.

Louis, a former member of the public defender staff in St. Charles County, established her private practice in 1991 with a focus on criminal defense and family law matters. She has published a book explaining the juvenile justice system and emphasizing its radical differences compared to the adult justice system.

SMITH, John Robert, 68, of Purdin, Mo., formerly of Granite City, died Sunday, April 14, 1996, at Boone Hospital Center, Columbia, Mo. Services were Monday at 11 a.m. at Wright-Baker-Hill Funeral Home, Granite City, by the Rev. Philip Simosky. Burial in Purdin Cemetery, Purdin.

STREET, Herbert Hal, 64, of Granite City died at 12:30 a.m. Saturday, May 11, 1996, at John Cochran Hospital, St. Louis. Services were Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Phelps County Hospital, Rolla, Mo. Graveside services were Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Phelps County Hospital, Rolla, Mo. Burial in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis County. Arrangements by Mercer Mortuary, Granite City.

THOMPSON, Michael S., 32, of Worden, formerly of Granite City, died at 2:53 a.m. Thursday, May 9, 1996, at his residence. Services were Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Laughlin Funeral Home, Troy, by the Rev. Steve Janoski. His remains were cremated at Godfrey Crematory, Godfrey.

WILLAREDT, Garnette Catherine (Johannmeier), 83, of Granite City died at 7:45 p.m. Friday, May 10, 1996, at Maryville Manor, Maryville. Services were Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Phelps County Hospital, Rolla, Mo. Graveside services were Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Phelps County Hospital, Rolla, Mo. Burial in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis County. Arrangements by Mercer Mortuary, Granite City.

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(Staff photo by BOB STATE)

**On target** — The sign in front of the new Rain Tunnel Express car wash in downtown Granite City appears to be promoting a recent trend in the weather. The sign is actually promoting one classification of service offered by the new business, which opened last week and offered free car washes on Wednesday and Thursday. Those who took advantage of the free service were asked to make a donation toward a new wing for St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

## Bush wants ditch cleaned up

By Mike Viola  
Staff writer

East St. Louis Mayor Gordon Bush is tired of delays on the Harding Ditch cleanup.

Local officials have blamed the overgrown drainage ditch for recent flooding in an area stretching from Washington Park to Cahokia.

"Our patience and tolerance is gone. Something needs to be done now," Bush said last week.

For the past four years, significant flooding has occurred along the Harding Ditch. The press conference was held along the ditch next to the Clyde Jordan Senior Citizen Center in East St.

Louis. The clogged ditch causes extensive flooding in that area in the Edgmont section of East St. Louis and into northern Centerville. Much silt and brush and trees over 20 feet tall sit in the ditch.

Bush placed the blame on the Corp of Engineers, Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Illinois Emergency Management Agency.

He said the Corp had told the city it will award a contract in December to start cleaning out the ditch, but Bush said that is too late.

"We are sick and tired of all the studies and procrastination that has been going on for the

past several years," Bush said.

Ken Kruchowski of the Corp of Engineers' public affairs office said dredging of the ditch will take place as soon as all of the necessary paperwork is received.

He said the Corp still needs to get some easements from the Metro East Sanitary District and from private landlords before dredging can begin.

However, local officials want the dredging to begin immediately.

They note that both Governor Jim Edgar and President Bill Clinton have referred to the problems of the ditch as an emergency.

## Seven plead guilty in common law cases

Seven people who tried to file bogus legal documents in the Madison County Recorder of Deeds Office have pleaded guilty.

"Now they realize what they did was wrong," Madison County Assistant State's Attorney Michele Berkel said.

The seven were charged last week for filing documents claiming to be from a common law court titled, "Our One Supreme Court."

The documents, which appear to be legal, attempted to overturn repossessions of multi-million dollar liens.

"Our One Supreme Court" is made up of Illinois and Missouri residents discontented with the state and federal legal system who act as their own judges and juries. The participants create documents that they themselves sign and notarize as if they were legally-appointed officials.

Many are farmers struggling economically or are frustrated from losing a farm or equipment in bankruptcy court.

Highland resident Curtis Iberg, who faces 19 counts of simulating legal process, and his wife, Sandra, who faces 18 counts, had recently

lost their farm to bankruptcy.

Curtis Iberg was sentenced to two years probation and a \$200 fine. Sandra Iberg was sentenced to six months court supervision and a \$75 fine. Both pleaded guilty Monday.

"Our One Supreme Court" heard the Iberg's case and ruled that a bank did not have the right to take the land, said William Zobrist, 46, who acted as a juror on the case.

Zobrist, a dairy farmer from Greenville, pleaded guilty Friday to one count of simulating legal process for issuing a document from the common law court.

Zobrist was sentenced to 90 days court supervision and a \$75 fine. Dennis Logan of St. Peters, Mo., allegedly instigated the common law court and was charged Friday with one count of false personation for portraying "special appointed justice." He had not entered a plea by Monday.

"The people we've seen have fallen under the spell of Dennis Logan and his ilk," Berkel said. "Now, they are suffering the repercussions. They thought they were going to learn new and invigorating ways to refinance their loans."

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Call 931-7030 for an interview or visit the shelter at 5000 Old Alton Rd.

Photo By Susan Judd

## FEMA officials return to area

By Nicole Vaughn  
Staff writer

Help is here for those affected by recent flooding. Teams of community relations specialists from the Federal Emergency Management Agency converged on the area last week, visiting flooded residents at their homes.

FEMA teams are joining representatives from the Illinois Emergency Management Agency and emergency management directors for Madison, St.

Clair, Monroe and Franklin counties. Those counties have been declared federal disaster areas.

"What we really want to do is let people know we're here and get the help to them," said Gene Romano, a FEMA public affairs officer.

Affected homeowners, business owners and tenants are eligible for a variety of help, including disaster housing, repair grants, unemployment assistance and low interest loans through the Small Business Administration. There is only one way for

flood-affected residents to apply for disaster assistance: by telephone. The toll-free number is 1(800) 462-9029 or for the hearing/speech impaired, the TDD number is 1 (800) 462-7585.

"It's very important that people use the tele-registration process," Romano said. As of Monday, 1,332 St. Clair County residents and 37 residents in Madison County had applied for assistance.

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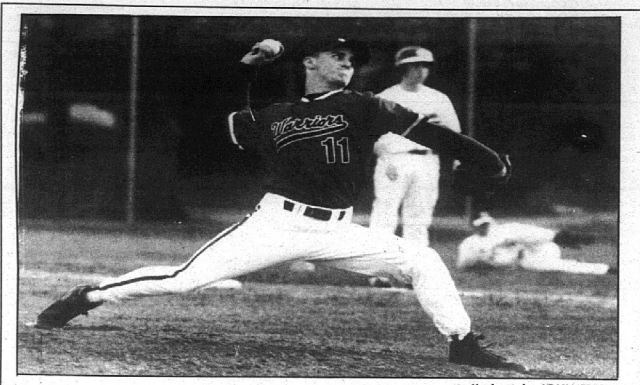
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Billy Niepert and the Warriors were scheduled to meet Collinsville Tuesday in a Southwestern Conference showdown, but the game was postponed until Wednesday because of rain. Look for a story in Sunday's Journal.

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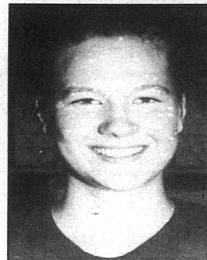
## Brandt overcomes injury to return to state meet

By Brian L. Jones  
Correspondent

Stephanie Brandt allows nothing to obstruct her vision when throwing the discus in track and field.

The Granite City High School junior went undefeated against all Metro East competitors during her freshman and sophomore seasons, when she twice earned all-state honors. A second-place finish to O'Fallon's Marsha Thompson on April 10 at the Edwardsville Tiger Relays marked her only loss to anybody this season at any meet.

Brandt now faces her most difficult opponent — a minor injury — as she prepares for her third consecutive appearance Friday at the Class AA girls state track meet in Charleston. She is adjusting to a new throwing style, designed to compensate for occasional hip pain resulting from a dislo-



Stephanie Brandt

cation problem diagnosed during the winter basketball season. "I fell and injured my hip a

couple of years ago and it had always given me problems on and off," said Brandt, who last Friday won the Collinsville Sectional discus championship. Her season-best throw of 125 feet, 6 inches has Brandt seeded among the top 10 at state. She won the seventh-place state medal as a freshman and the third-place bronze medal last year. This year's top entry throw is 141 feet, which makes her a longshot for her first career state title.

All Brandt wants is a healthy chance when she opens in the discus preliminary competition at 1:30 p.m. Friday at Eastern Illinois University's O'Brien Stadium. The discus finals are scheduled for 1 p.m. Saturday. Brandt is the Warriors' only state qualifier, though junior sprinter Becky Bargall and head coach Gene Briggs will join her for moral support.

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## Willis, Wozniak to play college volleyball

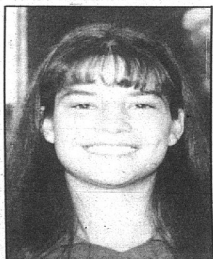
By Brian L. Jones  
Correspondent

Jennifer Willis and Jill Wozniak have made their three-year contributions to the Granite City High School volleyball program.

As seniors, they led the Warriors to a 19-12-1 record, an upset win over powerful Triad (24-6) for the regional championship, and their first sectional finals appearance since 1982. Graduation is pending, but they are not done playing volleyball.

Willis announced last week that she will attend Illinois State University, an NCAA Division I school in Normal, and play major-college volleyball there as a freshman walk-on. Wozniak also announced last week that she has accepted a combination academic/athletic scholarship in volleyball at Judson College, an NAIA school in the Chicago suburb of Elgin.

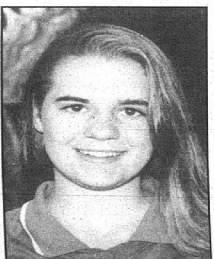
"Illinois State has 12 roster spots in its volleyball program and offers 10 scholarships and two walk-on positions," said Granite City coach Cindy Gagich. "ISU coach Julie Morgan said Jennifer will start off as a walk-on, but she will have a chance to earn either a par-



Jennifer Willis

tial or full scholarship, possibly before the end of her first year. They're both very happy about their decisions and we're happy for them."

Both players made sacrifices to position themselves for their opportunities. The 5-10 Willis skipped her senior basketball season to begin competing in December for the St. Charles club volleyball team. The 5-7 Wozniak started for the GCIS softball team as a junior, but



Jill Wozniak

skipped that sport this spring. She attended a volleyball workout during her recent visit to the Judson campus, where her versatile skills impressed Judson coach Karen Swanson.

An athletic middle hitter, Willis was the most widely recruited of the four senior starters for GCIS, which recorded its highest victory total in five years under Gagich. She led the Warriors with 307 kills and 64 solo blocks and

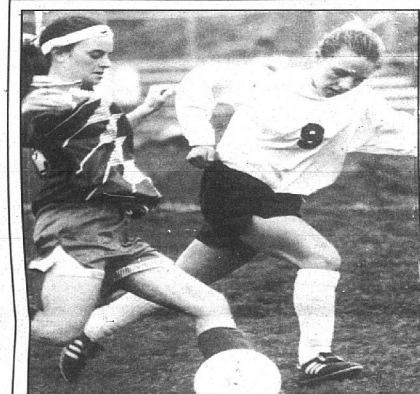
earned all-area and all-Southwestern Conference honors. A full rotation player, her ferocity as a net enforcer also attracted coaches from SIU-Edwardsville and Arkansas State University.

"I think Jennifer chose Illinois State because it's close enough to home that her family could go watch her play and they also have the most successful program of the schools she was considering," Gagich said. "I believe (ISU) has reached the NCAA national tournament six of the last 10 years. That's going to be an excellent experience for her to grow into a Division I program of that caliber."

Willis offers a rare luxury as a dominant lefthanded hitter. She had the best match of her career in the regional finals against Triad with 14 kills, three solo blocks and 14 digs. She outplayed University of Georgia-bound senior Mindi Westfall, a 6-foot standout who had her Triad jersey No. 7 retired.

Willis twice attended off-season prep camps at ISU, the second time being selected by Morgan as the "Most Effective Hitter" of the clinic. She also won Granite City's Most Outstanding Player award.

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(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Amanda Nizinski (9) and the Granite City soccer team are seeded first in the Collinsville Sectional and will play Carbondale or Belleville West on Tuesday in a first-round regional game.

## Hockey, college keep Jr. Blues' Jaros busy

By Rob Raphael  
Staff writer

Every time Mike Jaros is introduced to the crowd at the Nelson Center in Springfield, Ill., he is cheerfully greeted by applause.

Jaros, who is a roomer in Granite City, is one of two Springfield Junior Blues hockey players who are attending MacMurray College in Jacksonville, Ill. The other is Mike Wulfstede.

MacMurray is where Jaros studies, but Springfield is where the Junior Blues play each weekend during the season.

Jaros is a commuter student at MacMurray who takes 12 hours of classes per semester. He has as yet not declared a major.

The main reason for attending MacMurray, according to Jaros, is the good student-to-teacher ratio, which he thinks he needs to be successful as a student. Jaros said he likes the school, and thinks that he is getting a good education.

Because of his hockey schedule, and his commuting, there are conflicts with his schooling. He has to practice with the Junior Blues from 7:30 to 9 a.m. each morning, so classes have to wait until at least 10 a.m. It's a 40-minute ride from Springfield to Jacksonville.

And Jaros sometimes is forced to miss Friday and Monday classes, when the Junior Blues go on road trips.

The Springfield Junior Blues are a member of the North American Hockey League. The NAHL is an amateur league

for players between the ages of 16 and 20, and it consists of 20 Junior A teams across the United States.

"Junior A hockey is the highest level of hockey for amateurs without being in college," Jaros said. "It is almost impossible to play at a college Division I team without playing in the junior."

"Each team usually produces about three to five Division I scholarships a year, and some of the players eventually get drafted into the National Hockey League."

Since Jaros will be 21 next year, this is his last year in the league. He plans to keep playing hockey at Alaska Fairbanks College, where he has been awarded a hockey scholarship.

Jaros started playing hockey at the age of seven, which he said is actually late for most hockey players.

"Most start at three or four," he said. "I got a flyer in elementary school to learn to skate and play hockey, and once I started, I caught on pretty quickly."

He was drafted by Kalama-zoo (Mich.) in 1993, and made the team in August of that year. That November, he was traded back to his home state to Springfield, where he has played since that time.

As a member of the Junior Blues, Jaros has become one of the premier players in the league. He has won the respect of his teammates, who chose him as one of the team's captains this year.

Jaros is currently the second-leading scorer among defensive players in the league. Both Jaros and the

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Mike Taylor (right) was among several students from Mitchell's Tae Kwon Do who won kickboxing matches in a recent card at Elks Lodge in Belleville. From left: Lou Ann Kinworthy, Ben Bandy, instructor Ed Mitchell, Matt Bandy and Taylor.

## Granite City's Taylor aims for pro kickboxing career

By Rob Raphael  
Staff writer

Six years ago, Mike Taylor wanted to go see some kickboxing, so he went to a fight card in St. Louis which featured Ed Mitchell of Granite City.

Taylor, who is also a lifelong resident of Granite City, liked what he saw.

Now, Mitchell is the teacher, and he has to like what he sees in Taylor, an amateur boxer and kickboxer who is quickly making a name for himself in the Midwest.

Taylor recently won both the Illinois and Missouri middleweight amateur kickboxing titles. This after only four years of intensive training.

"I studied karate for the first two years after

I met Ed," said Taylor, 24. "And the last four years I've studied boxing and kickboxing. A lot of kickboxers start younger, I guess, but it's worked out for me."

"I wanted to go to kick-box, since I was a kid. Then when I saw Ed, I knew that's what I wanted to do."

After winning the middleweight titles in both states, the next logical step for Taylor is to turn pro. That's something he said he wants to do, but he's not rushing into anything.

"I want to get some more fights in, so I'd like to wait a little bit before I do that," he said. "The added experience will help me."

Taylor was about to turn pro last February, but he was declined when he broke his right thumb in a match last year.

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## Lusicic wins national award

The United States Achievement Academy, a national organization which recognizes the top students in the country, has named Daniel Lusicic of Granite City as a United States award winner in physical education.

This award is considered a prestigious honor or very few students can ever hope to attain.

Lusicic, who goes by the nickname D.J., attends Marquette High School in Alton. He was nominated for the award by Marquette teacher and coach Ron Twickell.

Lusicic will appear in the USAA Official Collegiate Yearbook, which is published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly, United States Achievement Academy winners should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, Executive Director of the USAA.

The Academy selects USAA winners upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors and other qualified sponsors and upon the standards of selection set forth by the Academy.

The criteria for selection area student's academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship attitude and cooperative spirit, dependability and recommendation from a teacher or director.

Lusicic is the son of Dan and Linda Lusicic of Granite City, and the grandparents are John and Olga Lusicic of Madison

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## •Taylor

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He said he had to take about four months off, but the thumb is fine now, and he's fought six times in the last month and a half. His last fight was April 19, when he won the Missouri crown. He's scheduled to fight next on June 8.

Taylor's kickboxing record is 17-3, with nine knockouts; and he also is beginning to take fights in traditional boxing, where he has already scored one technical knockout.

In both sports, combatants use head gear and 10-ounce gloves.

"The head gear is mandatory in Missouri, but optional in Illinois," he said.

He gives a lot of credit to his mentor, Mitchell, for his professional kickboxing champion. Mitchell currently operates his own martial arts school in Granite City, where people of all ages have won tournament championships in the past.

"I don't think a lot of people realize how great Ed is," said Taylor. "He's a great teacher, and since he's been there he can teach a lot in the ring, and that really helps. He's also a great role model for us all."

Taylor, who works in a canning factory in St. Louis, said he also gets a lot of help from his main sponsor, Joseph's Restaurant in St. Louis.

"Joseph's has done a lot for me," he said. "They've helped me out with getting my gear and robes that I use in the matches; as well as training expenses. And they always show up at my fights to give me support, which I couldn't have done all this without their help."

Taylor said now that everything's back to normal with his hand, he'd like to try dropping down a weight class to welterweight. The limit for that class is 147 pounds, while middleweights can be as heavy as 159 pounds.

"I think I can do it. It will take a lot of work, but I think I can excel at that weight class," he said.

Taylor already spends two to three hours per day training in the gym or running. He said with his work schedule and training schedule, there's little time for much else.

Taylor said because they produce licorice at the factory where he works, he was pegged with the nickname of "Candyman" early in his fighting career.

"I feel really good right now, and I know that if I work hard and stay patient, (success) will come."

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Entrants may participate in the five-mile run and 15-mile bicycle ride, the five-mile run and/or the 2K fun run. The starting time for the event is 8 a.m.

Registration forms are available at most Illinois and Missouri Club's locations.

Free race T-shirts will be given to the first 500 entrants.

For safety reasons, all bike riders are required to wear helmets.

**Jubilee softball tourney**  
The Granite City Park District will be holding its 75th Anniversary Diamond Jubilee Softball Tournament on June 28-30 at Wilson Park. The tourney will be ASA Open Division, and limited to 12 teams. Four trophies will be awarded in the double-elimination format, with the entry fee set at \$75 per team.

Registration will begin Monday, May 13, at the Wilson Park Office, and will continue until the 12 positions are filled. The drawing for team positions will be Monday, June 24 at the Park Office, at 4 p.m. All games will be played at George Sykes Field (Diamond 8) in Wilson Park, featuring a brand-new 300-foot fence.

For more information, call tournament coordinators Babe Champion (451-2121) or Ray Hoffman (877-3059).

**Warrior baseball camp**  
The Granite City Warrior/Park District Baseball Camp will be held on June 10-13 at the Wilson Park baseball diamonds, with third and fourth grade classes running from 9:15 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The cost is \$65. A baseball advanced camp, for ages 10-18, will be held 9 a.m.-3 p.m. June 17-20. The cost is \$100. Youths may participate in both camps for \$150.

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Also scheduled is a speed and flexibility camp for all sports from 6-8 p.m. June 17-21. The camp is open to athletes ages 10-18, and the cost is \$50.

All camps will be held at SIUE's athletic facilities. For more information, call 692-2660.

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St. Louis Cardinals Hall-of-Famer Red Schoendienst will be the master of ceremonies.

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## •Volley

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"Ideally, coaches prefer having a left-handed hitter at the right front and a right-handed hitter at the left front to provide balance at the net," Gagliardi said. "Jennifer has an extremely quick arm swing, which makes her difficult to block. She's also a great blocker and probably one of the best athletes in this area. She's the No. 1 pitcher on the (GCHS) softball team and again that comes from having that quick arm swing."

Wozniak had been an outside hitter and setter for two years before switching last fall to back-row specialist. Gagliardi used the alignment most of the season with senior lefty Denise McMillan, an all-area second team selection, as her lone setter. Wozniak also was a full rotation player who led the Warriors in serving. She kept 97 percent of her serves in play and won the team's Most Competitive Serving Award.

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## •Brandt

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 "(The hip) really started to bother me more noticeably (last fall) during the volleyball season, but I kind of toughed it out and played through it," said the 5-11 Brandt. "It got worse during basketball season and I wound up playing in only three games before I was forced to quit and go through therapy. They thought I had bursitis before they found out it had popped out of place. That's why I changed my throwing mechanics this year, even though I was having success with the old style."

Brandt had reached a career mark of 133-11 at state last year after topping off at 126-5 the year before. She had been projected as a sure bet this spring to break her sister Debbie's school record of 136 feet before the sectional meet.

"I can't really put into words what's different about the way I'm throwing, except that I'm relying a little more on pure strength to take the pressure off my hip," Brandt said. "Knock on wood, the pain hasn't bothered me yet this year, but I did lose my confidence there for a while."

After dipping to an average distance of 113 feet by midseason, Brandt regained her confidence by popping a 119-0 on May 2 for the Southwest Conference title.

"I feel like I'm just now getting my new technique down over the last two weeks," Brandt said. "What makes me confident about the sectional throw is that I could have done much better. I already had the

state cutoff mark (117-0) beat on my first throw and got the 125-6 on my second throw. I kind of decided not to take any chances on my last four. Plus, there was absolutely no wind at all, which means it was a legitimate 125. Usually there's a wind behind the right-handed throwers at state, which would help get me over 130."

Brandt's state goals are to break the school record and again make the top three in the finals. Sister Debbie offered coaching tips last week and Briggs has tried to help with motivational incentive.

"Coach says if I throw better up there than I did last year, he'll buy me a new discus for next year," Brandt said. "I told him he's got a deal."

Neither Venice nor Madison qualified for state in any event last Friday at the Greenville Class A Sectional Meet. Two noticeable absentee sprinters will be Madison junior Shayla Wiley and Venice sophomore Tina Herry. Wiley last year ran the 100-meter dash in 12.86 seconds at the state semifinals, but her return quest was struck down Friday by a pulled hamstring.

"She pulled up during the semifinals of the 100 dash and wasn't able to run after that," said Madison coach Al Collins. "She probably would have qualified in the 100 and the 200 dash and our chances would have been better with her in the 4 x 100."

Berry, who went to state as a freshman in the 200 dash and the long jump, never made it to the sectional this year. She missed most of the season with a leg injury resulting from an auto accident.

## Maxfield to play soccer for SIUE

By Brian Bretsch  
 Staff writer

Former Granite City standout Jason Maxfield is coming home to play collegiate soccer. Maxfield is transferring from Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio to play next fall for Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

The 6-0 forward scored four goals as a freshman and added seven more his sophomore season for the Raiders.

SIUE soccer coach Ed Huneke is hoping Maxfield, a former All-State and All-Midwest region player, will give the Cougars some much-needed scoring strength.

"He's extremely fast and strong," Huneke said. "But with an aggressiveness that leads to goals."

Maxfield was one of three top players from the Metro-East area to recently sign with Cougars.

Huneke also announced the Cougars have signed Collinsville High graduate Steve Van Dyke and soon-to-be Edwardsville High graduate Andy Peck. Mattias Persson of Shra-



Maxfield

nor, Sweden, also signed with the Cougars.

Van Dyke, a 1992 graduate of CES, joins the Cougars after starring for Eastern Illinois University the last three seasons where he was a first team All-Conference and a second team All-Midwest performer in 1994.

Van Dyke was a key member of the Hawks and helped lead them to the 1991 state championship. That year he earned All-State and All-Midwest region honors.

Van Dyke will team nicely with Maxfield. Huneke plans to use the 6-2 Van Dyke as a target man.

"He'll be an immediate impact player as he was the last three years at Eastern Illinois," Huneke said.

Peck, a Glen Carbon native, was Edwardsville High's defensive most valuable player his sophomore through senior seasons for the Tigers.

"He has the physical tools, passion and focus to develop into a contributor for us," Huneke said of Peck.

Huneke plans to use Persson as a wing midfielder. Huneke saw Persson for the first time at the 1994 Dallas Cup. Persson was named his club team's MVP at the Snickers Cup in 1993.

"He's got very good speed and always seems to be dangerous when he's on the ball," Huneke said.

## •Shorts

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**Billiken soccer camps**  
 Saint Louis University has released the schedule for its Billiken soccer camps next summer. One day camp will be held at Chaminate High School, while two residential camps will be held — one at Chaminate and one at SLU.

Boys and girls under age 14 will attend a day camp from June 10-14 and 17-21 at Chaminate. A residential camp will be held at Chaminate for advanced boys ages 13-18 only on June 9-13.

Another residential camp will be held at SLU for boys and girls ages 9-12, and advanced boys ages 13-18, on June 23-27. From July 18-20, a girls-only camp for ages 9-12 will be held, and a boys-only advanced camp for ages 9-12 and 13-18 will be held on July 21-25 and 28-31. For a brochure, call (314) 973-3177.

**SLUH camps**  
 St. Louis U. High will offer four separate weeks of basketball camps for boys in grades 3-8. The week-long sessions will be held June 10-14 and 17-21 and July 15-19 and 22-26.

The camps will be held under the direction of Junior Billikens coach Don Maurer, and will feature former SLUH players as well as other former local players. The fee for the camp is \$90. For more information, call 314-531-0330, extension 157.

The high school will also hold a football camp during the week of June 10-14. The camp is for grade school boys entering grades 3-8.

The camp will be directed by SLUH football coach Gary Kornfeld; the fee is \$45. For more information, call (314) 531-0330, extension 171.

## •Jaros

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Junior Blues are also highly respected around the league, as the team recently won the NAHL championship by defeating the Compuware Ambassadors in a best two-out-of-three series April 26-28.

By winning the NAHL title, the Junior Blues assured themselves a spot in the national playoffs, which will take place in Sioux City, Iowa. Jaros said he thinks his team matches up well with the other playoff teams, and he feels the team will be tough competitors for the national title.

"We get very good support from the fans in Springfield," Jaros said. "I can't go anywhere in town without someone recognizing me and pointing me out. It's great."

Jaros, the son of John and Grace Jaros of Granite City, likes it when teammates and fans call him "Chelios," after the Chicago Blackhawks star defenseman Chris Chelios. Like Chelios, Jaros spends a lot of time on the ice.

But when he was growing up, Jaros said he loved watching Paul Coffey because of his speed and scoring ability. He added he also liked former St. Louis Blues player Jeff Brown when he played for the Blues.

One of Jaros' big highlights was when he got the chance to meet Brown and skate on the ice with him.

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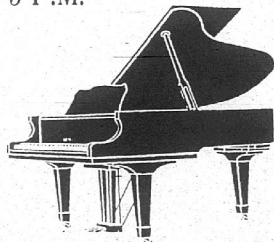
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Board of Education of School District No. 9 in the County of Madison, State of Illinois, that the tentative Amendment Budget for the fiscal year 1996-1997, as amended, will be held at 7:00 p.m. on the 26th day of June, 1996, at the Board of Education Office, 1947 Adams Street, in the School District No. 9.

**Board of Education, Granite City, Illinois**  
 Community Unit School District No. 9  
 County of Madison, State of Illinois  
 Dr. Don Dillard, Secretary

**SECTION 0001**

**ADVERTISING FOR BIDS**

**CITY OF GRANITE CITY, ILLINOIS**

**MOCD Project No. 95-121-06**

**Separate sealed bids for the Capital Roadway Improvement Project, to be held at the City of Granite City, Illinois, on the 26th day of June, 1996, at the Board of Education Office, 1947 Adams Street, in the School District No. 9.**

**The proposed work consists of:** furnishing all labor, equipment and materials to reconstruct Capital Road from 10th Street to the railroad tracks and all associated work necessary to complete the work as shown on the plans and as specified. Bids that are furnished by mail must be accompanied by a check for \$25.00 for each set of plans and specifications. The successful bidder will be required to execute and prepay performance and payment bonds in a sum equal to the full amount of the contract. Bids must be for the contract as a whole.

**Plans, specifications and contract documents are also available for examination at the City of Granite City, Illinois, at the Board of Education Office, 1947 Adams Street, in the School District No. 9, on the 26th day of June, 1996, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

**No bidder may withdraw his bid within ninety (90) days of the scheduled date of opening bids.**

**The successful bidder will be required to execute and prepay performance and payment bonds in a sum equal to the full amount of the contract. Bids must be for the contract as a whole.**

**Illinois law requires that contractors pay the prevailing wage rates as determined by the Department of Labor, State of Illinois, for the work to be performed. The City of Granite City reserves the right to waive, or not to enforce, this requirement. It is the policy of the City of Granite City to determine which is the lowest and best bid. By order of the Board of Education, Granite City, Illinois.**

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# NEWS

## BAC teacher named faculty member of year

You can forgive Laura Dyer if she made somewhat of a racket when she found out she was the recipient of the 1996 BAC Teacher of the Year Award. Because, in addition to being an outstanding mathematics instructor at the college's Granite City Campus, Dyer is also an accomplished tennis player competing in several area tournaments annually.

Dyer, of St. Louis, will receive her award at dinner prior to the college's commencement ceremony.

She has taught math at the Granite City Campus since 1989. Over the past seven years, she has taught the game of tennis to students from remedial math to calculus and statistics.

Dyer gains satisfaction from seeing a student grasp the information she teaches, especially when a student who had been having difficulty.

"It's fun seeing the light bulb come on," she said.

From a personal standpoint, Dyer said she enjoys the analytical aspects of math.

"I like the progression of logical steps. I like to solve problems, form a plan of attack," she said.

Dyer was nominated for the faculty award by fellow math instructor Amanda Starkey.

"I think she cares very much about her students," Starkey said of Dyer. "She varies her teaching techniques to keep her students interested. She likes for her students to experience mathematics, not just watch her do the problems."

Dyer has made many contributions to curriculum development, serving on the College Curriculum Committee, the Curriculum Committee for State Articulation and several other related committees.

Away from the classroom, Dyer is very active in area tennis, not only as a student, but also as a program development coordinator for the U.S. Tennis Association's National Junior Tennis League for children ages 8 to 16.

# National Honor Society initiates local students

The first nominee from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville to win a national award from the National Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi came back to St. Louis recently to urge more initiatives to support for those in need of the community.

Angela Spray, of Edwardsville, a first-year student at the St. Louis University School of Medicine who has been elected as a volunteer and other medical school students in helping sexually abused children, encouraged students to go beyond thinking only about their grades. Last year, Spray was awarded \$7,000 from Phi Kappa Phi as one of 50 recipients of graduate scholarships in the United States. She also received \$1,000 from the SIUE chapter of the honor society.

Sixty-eight of the students initiated first-year students; 71 were undergraduates, and of these, seven were juniors. Local students initiated were:

**Granite City:** Rita Adkins, public administration, graduate; Presheun, graduate; Rocky Cockrum, special education, graduate; Joseph Parise Jr., accounting, senior; Theresa Price, communication, health education, senior; Anna Kugan, psychology, senior; Janelia Yobbi, senior.

**St. Louis:** Carl Caspersen, Doyoung Kim, Gabriel Mitchell, Alicia Skirball, Larry Wiegand, Valerie Wolf, Tracy Wyatt. Seniors:

**Stacie Allers, "Deirdre Bagot, Amy Choate, Timothy Cozine, James Davis, Dorothy Falter, Jui-Han Han, Stanley Maurice Hoch, Jennifer Hine, Hitt, Angela Jacobs, Richard Judge, Michael Kelly, Michelle Kuehn, Kasey Koncinski, Patricia Luehmann, Patricia Mance, Lisa McLaren, Sandra McMaster, Jessica Moser, Ryan Nation, Joseph Parise Jr., Theresa Price, Anna Kugan, Carl Caspersen, Doyoung Kim, Gabriel Mitchell, Alicia Skirball, Larry Wiegand, Valerie Wolf, Tracy Wyatt. Seniors:**

# SIUE honor roll

Some 950 students at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville were recognized for academic excellence Sunday, April 21, at a special Honors Day Convocation in the University Center.

For Honors Day recognition, students must maintain a grade-point average of 3.5 or better. In addition, students must have completed and passed at least 24 calculated hours of study at the University to be eligible.

Students with a grade-point average of 3.9 or above are indicated by an asterisk (\*). Local students recognized were:

**Granite City:** Presheun, Valerie Hasty, Amy Lamm, Timothy Vaughn. Sophomores: Benjamin Cole, Denise Dutko, Amy Hayes, Cathy Jung, Chris Manners, Dwayne Sprueman, Linda Wense, Jennifer Wojtowicz.

# IMSAs graduates senior class